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SUBJ: REPORT OF SOVIET AIRCRAFT FOR PAIGC

1. LOCAL JOURNALIST TELLS US HE HAS LEARNED FROM PORTUGUESE MILITARY THAT PAIGC NOW HAS 40 MEN TRAINING AS MIG PILOTS IN SOVIET UNION. ACCORDING TO JOURNALIST USSR WILL SUPPLY AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF MIGS (MODEL UNKNOWN) TO BE BASED IN REPUBLIC OF GUINEA, PRESUMABLY BOKE. DELIVERY OF AIRCRAFT WOULD DEPEND ON WHEN PILOTS COMPLETE TRAINING, WHICH JOURNALIST SAID WOULD BE IN ABOUT 6 MONTHS.

2. JOURNALIST SAID PORTUGUESE SOURCE BELIEVED MIGS WOULD GIVE PAIGC UPPER HAND IN GUINEA INSURGENCY. THIS WOULD CONFRONT WEST WITH DILEMMA OF EITHER ASSISTING PORTUGAL OR BECOMING RESIGNED TO TAKE-OVER OF GUINEA BY COMMUNIST FORCES.

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3. COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST WE HAVE HEARD OF MIGS FOR

THE PAIGC. STORY MAY BE BEING SPREAD BY GOP TO
BACK ITS "US OR COMMUNISM" THESIS. STILL, GIVEN
EXISTENCE OF MIGS AND AIRCRAFT SUPPORT IN REPUBLIC OF GUINEA
IDEA ISN'T BEYOND REALM OF SPECULATION AND WOULD BE
DEVASTATING BLOW TO PORTUGUESE FORCES.
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